

Minutes from the continuation of the adjourned 29 March 1996 meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life, held Thursday 4 April 1996 at 10:00 a.m. In H-762.

**Present:** Dr. D.L. Boisvert, Chair; Ms. J. Chegrinec, Secretary; Mr. R. Côté; Mr. H. Zarins; Dr. S.M. Graub; Ms. A. Kerby; Ms. A. Siano; Ms. D. Cooper; Ms. C. Sbrocchi; Prof. B. Barbieri; Mr. A. Feldman; Mr. N. Baidoun; Mr. K. Lowther, Dr. R. Bonin; Ms. L. Lipscombe; Ms. R. MacIver.

**Absent:** Ms. A. Coombs; Ms. E. Robinson; Mr. D. Ellison; Mr. S. Zacharias; Ms. L. Kuilman; Mr. J.-F. Plamondon; Dr. I.M. Barlow; Ms. K. Hedrich; Ms. L. Prendergast, Ms. C. Hedrich (representing A. Vroom).

7. Reports from Directors:

There were no questions for the Directors based on their written reports.

Ms. Angie Siano, Clinical Coordinator, Health Services, and Mr. O. Moran, Health Educator, gave a 30 minute presentation on Health Services. There were no questions.

8. New Business:

**a) Student Services Proposed Operating Budget, 1996/97:** In his opening remarks, Dr. Boisvert commented briefly that the Directors had provided the additional budget information requested by Mr. Feldman and Mr. Zacharias. He then proposed that Council move into a committee of the whole.

Mr. Baidoun addressed Recreation and Athletics. He asked for a rationale for cutting the funding for six sports. Mr. Zarins replied that the decision was based on a recommendation which was expected to come from the Review, as well as the need for cuts in the budget. Mr. Baidoun pointed out that Council doesn't have the benefit of having seen the report. He said that student representatives didn't feel they could make a decision based on a report that they had yet to receive.

Mr. Zarins responded that the budget had been cut by \$400,000. It was a case of cutting the programs or raising fees. Mr. Baidoun asked if any other viable alternatives had been considered. Mr. Zarins said that the only alternative was to increase revenue. He reiterated that the department had to reduce the funding to these sports or raise the fees. Mr. Zarins also informed Council that the budget was divided 60% varsity and 40% recreation. Mr. Baidoun asked Mr. Zarins to explain the football expenses. Mr. Baidoun asked what a football coach's salary would be. Mr. Zarins said that approximately it would run \$50,000, but that included time spent on the summer camp program.

Mr. Feldman asked for speaking privileges for Mr. J. Carruthers; this was granted by Council.

Mr. Carruthers said that what had to be looked at were the priorities that were established in spending Student Services fees. At this point Mr. Zarins said he would like to clarify the situation. The Department wasn't cutting the programs, it was suspending funding. If the sports could raise their own funds they would continue to operate. Mr. Carruthers responded that unless these sports meet minimum CIAU requirements, they would be ineligible to compete.

Mr. Lowther then asked about the rationale of retaining varsity sports that consistently lost money, such as men's hockey. Mr. Zarins replied that the sport had to be examined over a 4 to 5 year period. It was also confirmed by Mr. Zarins that it was only a coincidence that the sports being cut were coached by part-time people. Mr. Zarins explained about the other duties carried out by the full-time coaches. The lack of advertizing for the smaller sports was commented on. Mr. Zarins insisted that the coverage was equal for all the sports. The \$40,000 for athletic maintenance in the budget of the Associate Vice-Rector was explained. This money is used for upkeep of the facilities and not just for the varsity program.

Mr. Baidoun asked that since football and hockey were such high profile sports why didn't Public Relations, or some other appropriate department within the University help the Department financially? Dr. Boisvert commented on the University's commitment to varsity sports but said that there was no formula for the University to help in anyway.

Mr. Baidoun asked that the \$40,000 be re-instated for the sports which are proposed to be cut. Mr. Zarins said that if this happens he would have to cut elsewhere or raise the fees. Mr. Baidoun asked him how difficult it would be to save the \$40,000 from the six sports which are being kept. Mr. Zarins replied that, as well, there was infrastraute costs associated with maintaining these sports.

Mr. Carruthers raised the question of whether varsity sports, which receives the bulk of the funding, are perceived as being more important than providing good facilities for all 26,000 students at the University. He asked when students will see a set of guiding principles towards an equitable allocation of the money . Dr. Boisvert said that the focus may begin to shift once proper facilities are available. Mr. Zarins outlined changes that had been made to provide more access to facilities for the majority of students.

Mr. Feldman said that it appeared that the rationale for the budget cuts in Recreation and Athletics were based on the review document. This document has yet to be tabled at Council. He continued that the sports slated to have their funding



eliminated took 3% of the budget, while the remaining sports used 53%. Prof. Barbieri requested clarification on the salary increases.

Briefly, Mr. Lowther questioned Mr. Côté about the \$9,000 cut in the Dean of Student's Office - this is as a result of eliminating the pocket calendar.

The rationale for the creation of the Student Life Initiatives Fund was explained. It will now allow Council to have more input into how the money is allocated. It will no longer give money to just the traditional receivers. They will apply for a portion of the funds along with other groups. These traditional groups include the Job Bank/Off-Campus Housing/ the Garderiere/ IEAC. Mr. Lowther asked what impact this would have on these groups. Ms. Kerby answered that the impact on the Daycare was negligible. This year they will receive \$25,000 - 1/2 of their traditional allocation, and the following year this amount will be eliminated. The Gardiere will then make a proposal to CCSL for funds for 1997-1998.

Mr. Côté also pointed out the ramifications for the IEAC. They will receive \$16,000 this year - 1/2 of their traditional allocation - and, as with the Garderiere, none the following year.

Dr. Boisvert said that Student Services could assume the responsibility of the Job Bank/Off-Campus Housing at no costs.

Mr. Lowther asked what criteria would be established for the allocation of money and if these criteria would be in place by September. At this point Mr. Feldman asked for speaking privileges for M. Scott, D. Wilson, D. Gagnon, V. Pavlicik and Heather Beriger. This was agreed to by Council.

M. Scott addressed his questions to Mr. Zarins. He wanted to know that if funding would ever be re-instated for these sports. He also informed Council that if they are dropped it will take four years until they can be re-instated at CIAU.

Mr. Gagnon asked that the teams be given more time to plan a strategy for fund-raising.

Mr. Pavlicik pointed out that the University population is split 48% male and 52% female. He asked that this statistic be kept in mind by Council when it is making its decision on what they think student priorities will be.

Ms. Kerby suggested that Council approve the budget at this time and work out the compromises later. Mr. Zarins agreed with this suggestion. He felt that a more creative solution could be found other than a fee increase.

Mr. Baidoun, Mr. Lowther and Mr. Feldman said that a more creative response

would be to find the \$40,000 by examining the budgets of the remaining varsity sports more closely. It was also suggested that a spread across all of the 12 sports could be done.

At this point Dr. Boisvert took Council out of the committee of the whole and listed the options: 1. CCSL continue the meeting at a later date and go through the budget systematically; 2. The Directors re-do the budget and table at the next meeting; 3. A working group could be formed to work on the budget and report back to Council. Option 2 was agreed to.

The student representatives requested some uniformity in the revised presentations. They agreed that points of information could be discussed outside of Council.

Council agreed to continue the meeting on 15 April at 2:00 p.m. In H-762-123.